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Batter up

Minden Minor Baseball League was in full swing Monday evening at the the Minden Fairgrounds. See more photos on page 12. /THOMAS SMITH Staff

School board introduces new superintendent

by **JAMES MATTHEWS**
Times Staff

Nikki Train will join the Trillium Lakelands District School Board's upper ranks for the coming school year.

Train has been appointed as a superintendent of learning with responsibilities for the Special Education Services and other items. She will replace Paul Goldring who will retire in June.

Train will begin her new position on Sep. 1 and will be moving closer to family in Muskoka where her husband is originally from.

"Train comes to TLDSB with an incredible range of experiences both in leading schools and working with students with special education needs," said Wes Hahn, the board's education director.

"As a leader, she has had a great impact on consultants, support staff, principals, and

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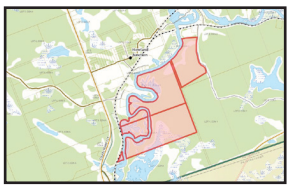

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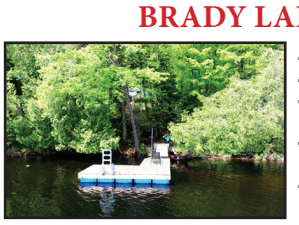

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Local school board sues social media companies

by JAMES MATTHEWS
Times Staff

The Trillium Lakelands District School Board has joined other Ontario boards in a lawsuit against social media companies.

The local board, along with the Dufferin-Peel Catholic District School Board, York Catholic District School Board, the Ottawa Catholic School Board, and the District School Board of Niagara are bringing a lawsuit against Meta, Snapchat, and TikTok.

Meta is the owner of Facebook, Instagram, Threads, and WhatsApp.

Private schools Holy Name of Mary College School and Eitz Chaim have also joined the lawsuit that accuses the social media companies of disrupting the education system and hindering student learning.

According to media reports, the new lawsuits bring the cumulative amount being sought to over $7 billion. The boards are seeking an additional $2.6 billion on top of the $4.5 billion originally sought.

While still in its early stages, the litigation calls on social media giants to make their products safer, to compensate school boards for its disruption to education, and to support TLDSB students' fundamental right to education.

Wes Hahn, the TLDSB's education director, said in a letter to parents that the legal action alleges the social media companies "have negligently designed and marketed addictive products that have disrupted our educational mandate and obligation to enhance student achievement and well-being."

The local board has retained the firm Neinstein LLP on a contingency fee basis, which means there is a fee only if there is a positive result. The lawyers' fees would be paid from the damages awarded.

Litigation costs will not come from the school board's budget, Hahn said.

"As parents/guardians, many of you know firsthand the impact that social media products have had on students," he said. "In fact, it's rewiring the way they think, act, behave, and learn.

"As a result, educators are spending increased classroom time managing issues caused by social media, administrators are adapting to the needs of the student body with significant attention, focus, and mental health concerns, and the changing behavioral dynamics of the student population are causing significant shifts in the educational landscape and huge strains on school boards' finite resources."

The impact of social media products on student learning is a multifaceted problem that requires a multipronged approach.

One of those prongs is to restrict the use of phones and devices in schools.

"But, as we know, compulsive social media use outside the classroom will continue to permeate the education system and impact student learning unless change is made by the social media companies," Hahn said.

Indeed, education experts have long argued that social media has negatively rewired the way children think, behave, and learn.

"The addictive properties of the products designed by social media giants have compromised all students' ability to learn, disrupted classrooms and created a student population that suffers from increasing mental health harms," Schools for Social Media Change, an umbrella group of some plaintiffs in legal actions, said in a press release.

New special needs superintendent eager to start at school board

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school communities with her knowledge and experience in special education."

She is currently the district principal of Special Education Services at the District School Board of Niagara (DSBN). She has been a school administrator since 2012.

In that time, she was an administrator for two priority elementary schools where the focus was on improving student achievement in literacy and mathematics.

According to a press release from the school board, Train has been a student achievement leader for Kindergarten to Grade 12 Special Education Services at DSBN for the last eight years.

And she's eager to continue in such a role at the local school board.

"I look forward to stepping into this role and working with all of the wonderful people in TLDSB," Train said. "On a personal note, I enjoy traveling and watching my children participate in sports and activities, as well as being outdoors kayaking or hiking."

Nikki Train will begin in September in her role as the new superintendent of learning for spedical education services at the Trillium Lakelands District School Board.

Correction for *Minden Memoires*

The Minden TImes would like to make a correction for the Minden Memories in last week's issue. In the photo of two men at Silverwood Lodge, the man on the right is Len WIlson of Wilson's Beverages and the man on the left is W. K. Buckley, of Buckley's cough syrup fame.

Minden Pride seeks volunteers for festivities

by **THOMAS SMITH**
Editor

Allan Guinan, chair of the Minden Pride committee has been involved with Minden Pride for five years.

"I volunteered in 2018, off and on, they asked for volunteers with events so I decided to help out. From there, I joined the committee. The rest is history."

"This is our ninth year. It has been around since 2016. It started because there was a gay-owned business that had graffiti on their store front," says Guinan. "The community up here felt the need to do something, that is how it was established. Apart from the COVID-19 pandemic, it has grown year after year."

Minden Pride is currently looking for volunteers.

"We are always looking for new people to help participate with this. We have the Pride festival from the 19th to the 25th of August this year with a whole bunch of events. But also, we are participating in about 20 community events leading up to that including the County Fair, Canada Day and other events leading up to that. We need people to hand out information and to help sell some pride themed merchandise we have for sale," said Guinan. "We need people to help decorate and put out information, that sort of thing."

"Through Minden Pride, we have met quite a large and interesting community of people. We love living in the Haliburton Highlands, outside the craziness of the city. It's a very nice place to be," said Guinan.

"This year, the theme of Minden Pride is 'Everyone is Welcome'. "We really want to encourage people. We feel like some people think this event is only for those in the 2SLGBTQ+ community. We are really trying to push that there are events for everyone. There are some really fun events. We really want people to come out and participate. We have some key events for people to come out and have fun."

On Monday, August 19 events include the 2024 Opening Ceremony and Flag Raising at 11 a.m. at 7 Milne Street in Minden.

On Tuesday August 20, there will be a drag storytime in Minden at the Minden branch of the Haliburton County Public Library with Auntie Plum. Currently. Minden Pride is searching for emerging queer artists who would be interested in having their work included in the Voice of Pride Art Exhibition at the Minden Hills Cultural Centre.

On Wednesday, August 21, Sir Sam's Ski & Bike are hosting a queer comedy night, featuring queer comedians.

On Thursday August 22, there will be a drag storytime event at the Haliburton branch of the Haliburton County Public Library. There will also be a queer trivia night at the Dominion Hotel in Minden

On Friday August 23, Russel Red Records will be putting on the burlesque ball at the Pinestone. This event will include a DJ for dancing and performers that will include burlesque dancers and drag queens. "It will be quite the event."

On Saturday August 24, there will be a Mad Hatter Tea Party at Hook, Line and Sinker from 1 p.m. until 4 p.m. which will include grub, suds, and a DJ hosting the party.

On Sunday August 25th, the Rainbow Street Festival will be taking place. This event will include artists, vendors, and games for kids and the entire family. The world's only floating pride parade will be taking place at 12 p.m. to 2 p.m.. This unique event will have participants floating down the river on rafts, floats, kayaks, canoes, and anything else you can dream of. Participants will depart from Rotary Park and float to the docks near downtown Minden. Afterwards, there will be a social event where awards will be presented for things such as best float.

"I think the River Parade and Street Festival is a lot of fun. It is very accessible to families. We see kids, we see youth, we see adults having fun. It is just a great day. We have been very fortunate in that we have had great weather. It is a lovely, late summer afternoon."

This month, Minden Pride will be participating in the Teeny Tiny Summit, the Pride Colour Run with HHSS, the Haliburton County Fair, a queer film night at the Northern Lights Performing Arts Pavilion, Canada Day, and Midnight Madness.

"I think one of the reasons they asked Minden Pride to be at the Teeny Tiny Summit is because we have created the largest festival in the county. A week long event, it is pretty substantial. They want us to be there to help show the inclusivity and positive nature that is a part of this area," said Guinan.

"It's gone from being a week of events to an entire summer thing," said Guinan with a laugh.

"It's giving back to your community. It's about supporting inclusivity. The events are typically a lot of fun so people like to come out and participate in that. A lot of the queer community is quite talented, perhaps out of the ordinary sometimes. Everyone is welcome. Celebrating loving relationships and celebrating being social, if people want to support that, we will happily have them."

"It's pretty laid back and straightforward. It's not like you have to dedicate hours, and hours, and hours. If you can help out, you can help out in one event, or maybe one or two events," said Guinan. "We recognize that those in smaller communities are not necessarily comfortable or participating in these types of events, or to be seen as part of the community. What we want people to see is representation. Having gone through that, the worst of times as an adolescent or teenager, or young adult struggling with gender or sexuality identity, we are really trying to ensure that they see positive influences and positive messaging. Our job is to not judge anyone but to create a welcoming environment for everyone," said Guinan.

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• Join us for the final PA Day Movie of the school year! We will be presenting Minions (2015) at the Minden Hills Cultural Centre on Friday, June 7 at 1:00 PM. This is a free family friendly movie event co-hosted by the Minden Hills Cultural Centre and the Haliburton County Public Library. Snacks will be provided, but please feel free to bring your own.
• The Knitting Village provides free knitting lessons for children ages 11-14. The next classes take place on June 11 and 18 from 3:30-4:30 pm at the Minden Hills Cultural Centre. All materials are supplied. For more info: culturalcentre@mindenhills.ca or call 705-286-3763.

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NOTICE: PUBLIC MEETING - PROPOSED CHANGES TO THE TOWNSHIP'S FEES AND CHARGES BY-LAW

Take notice that the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Minden Hills will be holding a Public Meeting on Thursday, June 13, 2024, during its Regular Council Meeting regarding Proposed changes to the Township's Fees and Charges By-law. The meeting will commence at 9:00 AM in the Council Chambers located at 7 Milne Street, Minden ON.

- Schedule A Classes of Permits and Fees for Building
- Schedule F Planning Department Fees / Short-Term Rental Fees
- Schedule G Cemetery
- Schedule H Community Services Programs & Facilities
- Schedule L Local Community Insurance Services

Members of the public wishing to participate may attend in-person or join electronically and make comment/speak at the Public Meeting regarding proposed changes to the Fees and Charges By-law.

Electronic Participants Must:
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Council and Closed Session meetings are currently being conducted with a hybrid model of in-person (Council Chambers, 7 Milne St., Minden) and electronic participation in accordance with the Municipal Act. Meetings begin at 9:00 a.m. unless otherwise noted. The scheduled upcoming meetings are:

• **June 13** – Regular Council Meeting
• **June 27** – Regular Council Meeting

Members of the Public are invited to observe Council proceedings by attending in-person or via the live-stream link on the Township CivicWeb Portal at https://mindenhills.civicweb.net/Portal/MeetingTypeList.aspx. Visit our website for more information.

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Highlands Quilting Guild brings it home

The Haliburton Highlands Quilt Guild hosted Coming Home, a quilt show that was years in the making due to past COVID-19 health measures, on Friday, May 31 and Saturday, June 1 at the Minden Curling Club. The rink was filled with stunning quilts and other knit and sewn items made by members of the guild. /VIVIAN COLLINGS Staff

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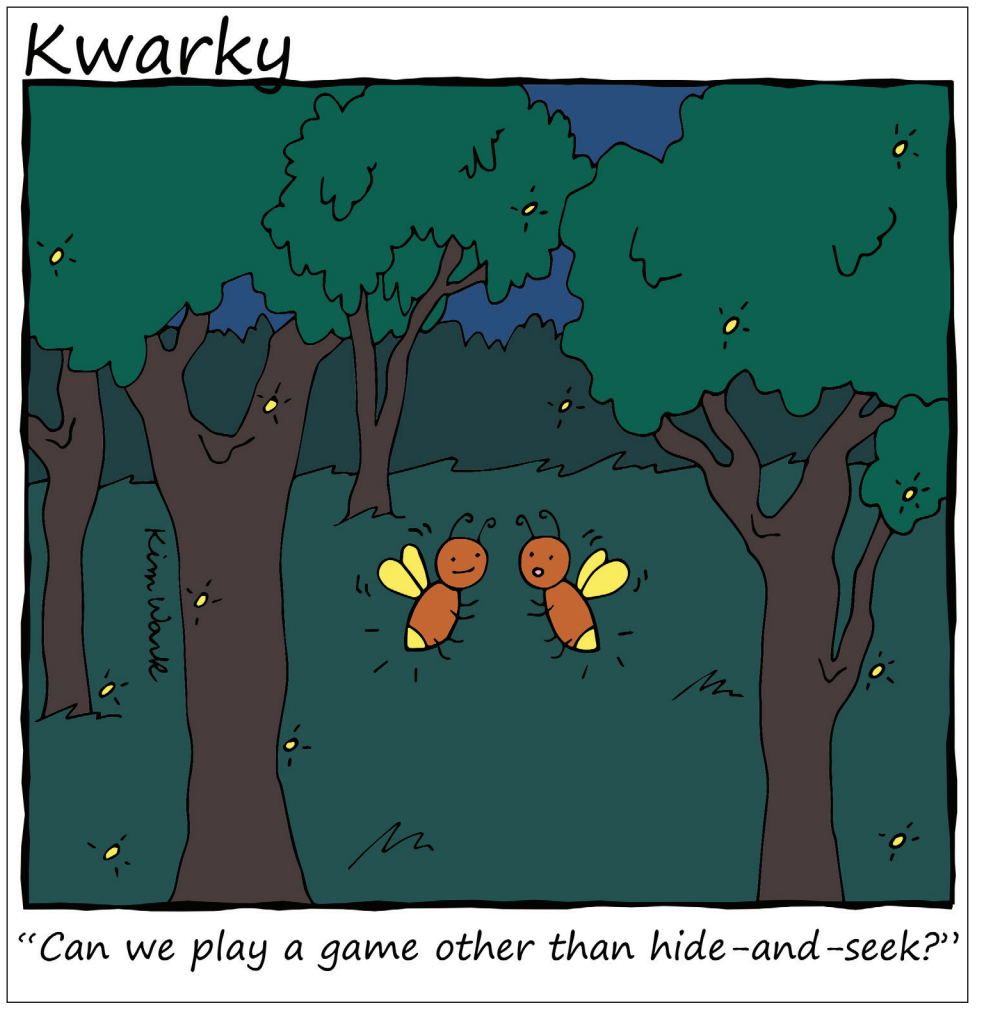


Kids these days

BACK IN my day, kids didn't bring cellphones to school. I didn›t even know what a cell phone was until around grade eight, when my parents bought me a LG flip phone. You could barely text on the thing and when you did, it racked up my parent's phone bill.

Growing up, I learned how to use rotary dial telephones when I would spend weeks at my grandparents and want to call home. I was certain that texting would not catch on because it costed us too much money. Why would I bother spending a couple minutes pushing each button multiple times to select a letter and then have to wait for a reply? Calling someone was much quicker and easier.

The Trillium Lakelands District School Board is currently suing social media companies including Meta (the owners of Facebook, Instagram, Threads and Whatsapp), Snapchat and TikTok.

THOMAS SMITH
Editor

Back in my day, a TikTok was the sound that a clock made.

When I attended elementary school, a computer was incorporated in my kindergarten classroom. It was a part of our play rotation with each student being given a limited amount of time they were allowed to play on the computer. Things like math and spelling games were pre-programmed on the computer for kids to play.

Unlike my parents who had to take several courses on typing, typing was something that was not extensively taught when I was in school. I can remember having computer lab time where we would go to the school's library to work on assignments and play computer games, but we were only taught typing for two weeks.

Ever since I was a kid and since my parents were children, children have had distractions that would steal their attention. For myself, I would have a book like Spiderwick or Charlie and the Chocolate Factory that I would hide in my desk to read while the teacher was giving a lesson. My mother says that kids in her school would go to the washrooms to have a smoke.

Social media is a different kind of distraction to children. Teachers struggle to find a balance with banning cell phones during class time or taking the phones away. Parents will complain if their kid does not have access to call them (or 911) in an emergency. Like all kids throughout history, they can and will seek distractions from school.

Social media companies have designed their sites and services to be addicting. There is a plethora of free content that is accessible to anyone. Schools can ban websites and URLs, but even as a 12 year old, I knew how to bypass blocked sites. An addiction to social media can form after the endorphins in your brain tell you that adding friends, commenting and liking other posts makes you feel good. Watching content is entertainment that satiates and floods your brain in happy chemicals. In a school setting, this can quickly become an issue for students searching for an escape from learning.

Not to mention the bullying that can take place through these social media websites by giving bullies a mask of anonymity. Teachers have little control over how students connect online and what is said to them.

As an outsider to schools, it seems strange to target these social media companies. The biggest solution would be the sites blocking children, but there is nothing preventing kids from creating fake accounts where they will lie about their age.

I am not sure what a perfect solution to this problem would be, but perhaps locking away kid's devices where they cannot access them easily would be a start.

For now, I will be researching things like Fortnite, Mr. Beast and Skibidi Toilet to try and be hip with the kids.

Bugged

CALL ME crazy, but I strongly suspect that we humans evolved to have two eyes, just so we could have a spare when a bug gets into the other one. This is why you rarely hear people going on about cyclops encounters these days.

These thoughts occurred to me once again the other day after I had a head-on collision with a reckless black fly. It was going way too fast to brake in time. I would bet you money that it was probably texting too.

The collision was bad enough, but the fact that it chose to attempt to figure skate after landing in my eye was even worse. Sure, I was able to extricate it when I got home. But, until then, I had to endure the stupid thing attempting to do triple axles and several lunges on my cornea.

STEVE GALEA
Beyond 35

It was not as entertaining as you might think.

The truth is, if you are going to spend any time in the outdoors over the next few months, getting a bug in the eye is an occupational hazard. But that doesn't mean you should just let it happen.

Not to brag, but I am an expert on the subject, partly because I spend a lot of time outside, but mostly because I have eyes of a size that makes your average lemur monkey envious. This, combined with my exceptionally sparse eyelashes creates almost perfect conditions for an eye-bug collision.

Luckily, I have learned a few things over the years when it comes to getting a bug in your eye. Maybe this might be of service to you, provided you can read it, due to a lack of bugs in your eyes.

The first thing to remember is that there is never any shame in being the second or third person in a single file procession – so long as the first two people do not have gas.

Otherwise, the best deterrent to an eye-bug collision is to provide them with smaller targets. One of the easiest ways to do so is to avoid looking constantly surprised. Instead, you should try to walk around with squinty eyes, sort of like a Clint Eastwood character just prior to a shootout.

You might also think that you could avoid this unfortunate situation by wearing wrap around mirrored sunglasses. And you would be right. Yet, if you weigh both options, most people would rather have the bug in their eye.

Winking each eye alternately helps a lot too. This keeps them guessing. On the downside, it keeps everyone around you guessing as well.

If there is any good news in all of this, it is that the bugs that fly into your eyes are generally tiny creatures such as black flies or midges. I have never heard anyone complain about a deer fly or a June bug into their eye.

This hints at a possible motive.

Maybe the little bugs just want to be seen.

Of course, their feelings are irrelevant when you have a bug tap dancing across your pupil.

Getting them out of your eyes isn't easy either because they are difficult to see, predominantly because one of your eyes has a bug in it.

Yet, for some reason they do not leave voluntarily. sense, they are sort of like that weird guy. You know, the one who noticed you were winking.

InOtherWords

Columns and Letters to the Editor

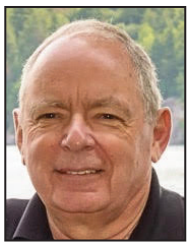
The dangerous buffoon

CANADIANS HAVE watched the U.S. happenings involving former president Donald Trump with an amused sense of entertainment.

It's been like looking over the fence and seeing neighbours struggle with an insane situation that has nothing to do with us and will have no effect on us.

We are wrong to view it that way. The tribal madness infecting Americans and promoted by Trump is bound to spill across the border and infect us.

Various surveys have documented global declines in the health of democracies. People are discontent with economic conditions, anxious about rapid social changes, and unhappy with leadership. This has bolstered anti-establishment groups who challenge democracy and its institutions.



JIM POLING SR.
From Shaman's Rock

Polling in 27 countries has shown that only 45 per cent of people are satisfied with how democracy is working in their country.

Trump's rants against the U.S. government system, particularly the justice system that convicted him of criminal activity, are feeding that dissatisfaction.

In some ways Trump, who calls his own country a fascist state, has become more dangerous than Russia's Vladimir Putin or China's Xi Jinping.

Trump is not just the bombastic orange buffoon that many view him as. He is dangerous because of his contempt for government, the justice system and anything or anyone who doesn't accept him as a godlike figure.

He is a reminder of the Red Queen who said in one of the Alice in Wonderland stories:

"The truth is what I make it. I could set this world on fire and call it rain."

His actions and comments following his conviction show just how far this man is from being normal. In a 33-minute rambling, sometimes incoherent monologue, he called his trial rigged, the judge corrupt, and at least one witness a sleazebag.

A normal person simply would have proclaimed his innocence despite what the juror found, and said how he plans to appeal the verdict.

His contempt is shocking. Especially because he is convincing tens of thousands of Americans that they also should show contempt for the systems under which they live.

He has become a cult leader whose followers are threatening violence against those who oppose him. After his conviction Trump followers threatened violence against the jurors who convicted him, the trial judge and the prosecutor who charged him.

He has talked of a breaking point among his followers if he is sentenced to jail. Some commenters have said Trump himself is nearing a mental breaking point.

Over the years that he was president psychiatrists and other mental health experts expressed opinions on the state of his mental health.

Psychiatrists, however, are unwilling to say outright that Trump is mentally ill. They are constrained by the Goldwater Rule of the American Psychiatric Association's (APA) Principles of Medical Ethics. It states that "it is unethical for a psychiatrist to offer a professional opinion [about someone's mental health] unless he or she has conducted an examination and has been granted proper authorization for such a statement."

One forensic psychiatrist concluded several years ago that:

"Trump is now the most powerful head of state in the world, and one of the most impulsive, arrogant, ignorant, disorganized chaotic, nihilistic, self-contradictory, self-important and self-serving. He has his finger on the triggers of a thousand or more of the most powerful thermonuclear weapons in the world. That means he could kill more people in a few seconds than any dictator in past history has been able to kill during his entire years in power."

Trump has a very good chance of being elected U.S. president again this coming November. That does not bode well for Canada. Trump has had a rocky relationship with Prime Minister Justin Trudeau, once calling him two-faced and very dishonest and weak.

Kirsten Hillman, Canada's ambassador to the U.S., has said Trump "doesn't worry us. We were able to work with him effectively,"

He certainly worries a lot of other people. Win or lose the presidency he promises to be a global threat, or even a global danger, well into the future.

More importantly, he is turning tens of thousands of Americans, and thousands more in other countries, into anti-government radicals.

Minden Memories

Possibly for the Minden Times, this is an editorial page cartoon by Gil Parcell depicting the Haliburton County Fair parade. On the banner in the cartoon are the dates Aug 16, 17, 18. /Photo courtesy of the Minden Hills Cultural Centre

letters to the editor

Maybe a tad insensitive

To the Editor,

For over six years I have been caring for my husband who has been diagnosed with advanced Alzheimer's so I though it may help if I attended the conference. Unfortunately, I could not leave my husband alone and there were no PSWs available to take care while I attended.

Recently I had a spot diagnosed on my shin and am booked for 30 sessions of radiation in Peterborough. Starting June 20. I can't take my husband with me and cannot leave him alone. My community care case worker is very sensitive to my situation and my husband is now on the crisis list for a place in a nursing home. After a wonderful marriage of sixty years this decision leaves me with a very heavy heart. I tell myself he will have 10 plus people caring for him not just one. He will have trained health care workers attending to his needs. He will have DSW s and PSWs to stimulate his body and soul. He will have lots of company. He will have a wife who is much less stressed and can have quality visits. I had finally come to terms with my decision and then I read the Sharon Kaasalainen statement.

"We have grown accustomed to locking people away in long-term care homes when they present issues like dementia ...

"We need to find ways where we can care for people and provide them with a quality of life – Instead of simply discarding them and leading them to die in long term care."

Please tell me that is not what I am doing.

This comment was an insult, not only to the families that have provided care until they can no longer but also to the wonderful healthcare professionals dedicated to providing quality care to the elderly on their Long -term Care journey.

Maybe I am not sorry I missed the conference.

Jan Heaven (primary care giver)

See more letters on page 8

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letters to the editor

Re: CT scanner

To the Editor,

Like everyone who read Thomas Smith's editorial "CT scanner cannot come soon enough", I was saddened to hear that his father went through the ordeal of the bumpy ambulance ride for an emergency CT scan in Peterborough. And gladdened to know that the blood clots were apparently caught in time and the prognosis for his Dad looks positive. We hope you get better soon, Mr. Smith!

Unfortunately, this is the second time in two days that I've heard a similar tale. In talking to a potential donor about our campaign to raise funds for a CT scanner and other badly-needed equipment for Haliburton County, another former patient said he remembered the agony of the bumpy ambulance ride to Peterborough more than the injury itself.

On average, there is one patient every day taking that bumpy ambulance ride outside the County for an emergency CT scan.

The great news for everyone in the Highlands is that the CT scanner is on its way and will be functional by mid-summer.

The challenge is that because the provincial government counts on the community to fund new capital equipment, together we must raise the necessary funds.

According to Cancer Care Ontario, one in 38 women will die of breast cancer in Canada. One in 10 breast cancer patients are male. Early detection offers the best chance of survival. We also need mammography equipment in the County so that we can get checked on a timely basis.

It's in all our interests - both full-time and part-time residents - to have better health care technology and services locally. It could be our Dad or Mom or grandchild that needs the next CT scan or mammogram.

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Tayce Wakefield
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Climate and human health

EHEnvironment Haliburton is hosting their Enviro-Caf titled 'Climate and Human Health' on Tuesday, June 11 at 7 p.m..

"Join us for a virtual presentation including Canadian Association of Physicians for the Environment (CAPE) members Grace Kuang and Dr. Tyler Rouse on rising climate-driven human health risks and the urgent need to address them." A Q and A will follow the presentation.

To register, please see their website at www.environmenthaliburton.com. For more information, please contact info@environmenthaliburton.org or call 705-457-9254

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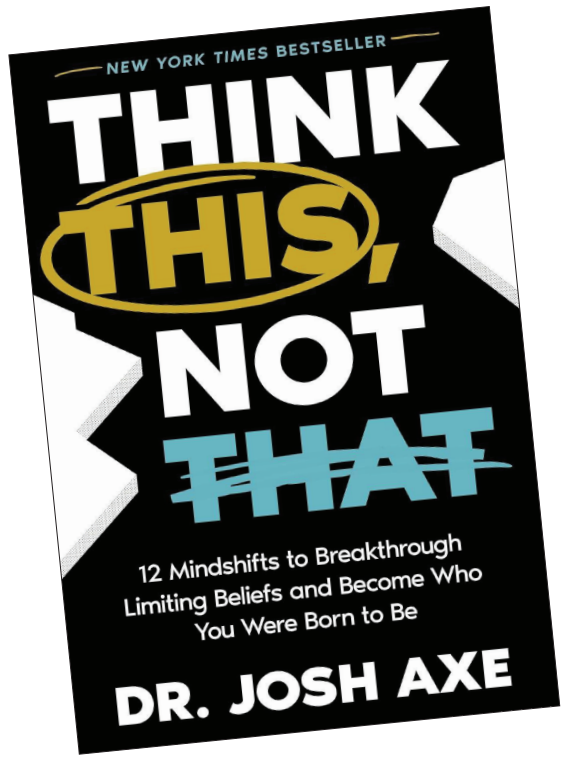
HCPL's Book of the Week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It's time to break through your limiting beliefs and find out who you can become, to build a meaningful life through new thoughts and actions, and to make the switch from what's stalled you toward a life of ultimate significance.

Think This, Not That by Dr. Josh Axe is available to borrow from the Haliburton County Public Library.

Women's sexuality

ALICE MUNROE looks like a church lady and writes like a renegade. She takes people and places we're sure we know and peels them to reveal human nature that we have been taught to ignore and despise.

I don't recall that we said this so much when she was still alive – she died on May 13 at age 92 – but a recurring theme since she died is that she 'discovered' that women's sexuality doesn't follow the rules. That within the breasts of perfectly nice women flamed feelings appropriate for prostitutes and nymphomaniacs. That these raging hormones led them to do the unthinkable, which is to have affairs, walk out of perfectly good marriages and leave perfectly deserving children in the care of others.

FAY MARTIN
Poke, Peel, Pair, Ponder

The thing is, unless I wasn't paying attention, her stories don't heave with sex half as much as more modern writing does. In current literature and movies, the meet-kiss-copulate sequence happens with gay abandon, lickety-split, sometimes even the kiss part missing. And then they get on with their lives as if it hadn't happened. The hook-up phenomenon, putting sex in its proper place as a physical necessity like going to the toilet, unencumbered with feelings and, god forbid, relationships. Rating sexual prowess right along with earning capacity and athletic skill.

I think a lot about how patriarchy gives with one hand and takes with the other. It twirled Betty Freidan around: You want out of the house? Fine, you can work full-time at two jobs, one in and one out of the house. Oh, and at part-pay because we think you aren't as productive because you don't focus on the outside-the-house job as much as men do.

And then there was The Pill which first offered Sexual Freedom but quickly morphed to requiring it. Which was understood as women being sexually active as men had been: letting lust do the thinking, love 'em and leave 'em, the precursors, I think, to the hook-up mentality. It left women with solo responsibility for protection against pregnancy and, later, STDs of all sorts, including chlamydia for which there was no routine screening, perhaps because it primarily affected young women and was usually symptomless until it rusted out their reproductive system.

Alice clued into how frustrated women were with this shifting but relentlessly unfair situation. Her women were socialized to niceness; they knew what the rules were. They toiled in the traces of compliance, they shouldered their assigned share, they went along to get along. Until they didn't.

And then they revolted. They walked away. Without explanation. That's Alice's most potent play. Because there are no words a woman can say that will move patriarchy. Patriarchy does not speak woman, it does not hear woman. Patriarchy is like gravity; it just is, no use trying to explain it or change it, just live with it.

Sometimes Alice's women, having transgressed for no apparent reason, return to the situation they transgressed. We, the hopeful, are disappointed because we expected that having experienced freedom, they would leap and spin and twirl into a better life. But perhaps they figured there was no better life, that patriarchy, like gravity, was everywhere and the best bargain available was at best a different slice of life, not necessarily a better one.

Or maybe they felt the freedom, having transgressed once, to do it again should the need reappear. A safety valve of sorts. Better than some other options that truly desperate women have 'chosen', like driving your vehicle with your dependent children in it into a body of water and drowning together. Or like Toni Morrison's Sethe who killed her daughter to protect her from a life of slavery. Or minion mothers of all classes, countries and times who cannot or do not prevent their daughters from being pimped for financial or social security.

I think what we find compelling in Alice Munroe's writing is not so much the lure of sex leading good women astray, but rather the constrictions of relationship pushing women to explore other options. Her women don't leave bad relationships as much as they wander away from empty relationships. Which perhaps spotlights a commonality between the apparent randiness of the hook-up culture and the apparent okayness of the settled life in Munroe's stories. Both fill a void in human connection.

I wish Alice had told us how to fix this before she departed this plane. I don't think she thought good relationships were unattainable, but rather that writing about them did no good. Or perhaps that relationships are so in the moment, so evanescent, so kaleidoscopic that they can't be captured in words, but only in life. Which is an invitation to be as revolutionary as Alice Munroe's writing. If you dare.

Master Gardeners publish book on ecological landscaping

by **THOMAS SMITH**
Editor

Carolyn Langdon has been coordinator for Haliburton County Master Gardeners for the past four years.

"I've been involved with the organization for 13 years now. Over half the life of the organization. It's been wonderful," said Langdon. "I heard of it through word of mouth. When you have a passion or interest in gardening and nature, you hear about things in the community. It just came about that it was a good organization to join."

The Haliburton County Master Gardeners are a group of passionate volunteers who are local experts in gardening. They are experts in taking up the challenge of gardening on the Canadian Shield. Originally, Master Gardeners of Ontario was created by the Ontario Ministry of Agriculture and OMAFRA to meet the needs of home gardeners. Haliburton County master Gardeners frequently provide events that the public may attend to gain information on gardening and renaturalizing their gardens. They also offer a consultation service in which you can have Master Gardeners visit your property where they will assess your land and provide recommendations to suit your needs including waterfront assessments and solving erosion problems. Assessments are done through donation with $50 per hour being recommended for their services and expertise.

The Haliburton County Master Gardeners currently has 16 members. The group is considered small under the umbrella organization Master Gardeners of Ontario. Master Gardeners study horticulture extensively and continually learn through training.

"We have two categories in which we work. One is gardening for food security. We provide advice. On Sunday May 2 we provided a workshop at the Minden Community Gardens. They were set up by the Minden Community Food Bank. We organized an exchange of seedlings, people could exchange them for others. There was a demonstration on how to properly transplant seedlings into the garden," said Langdon.

With around 35 people attending, Langdon says it was a very successful event.

"The other thing the organization does is gardening in harmony with nature. This is such a good goal for an organization in such a natural setting. The Haliburton Highlands have over 600 lakes and numerous rivers. It is natural for people to take a natural approach to their properties."

This May, the Haliburton County Master Gardeners have published a guidebook titled *Guidebook to Ecological Landscaping in the Highlands*. The book offers tips on renaturalizing your property, how to keep it naturalized, increasing biodiversity, and embracing the local landscape into your garden plans.

Carolyn Langdon stands with the Haliburton County Master Gardeners booth at the 45th annual Haliburton Home & Cottage Show. /VIVIAN COLLINGS Staff

"We are very proud of the publication because it is based on all original writing and it is based on our experience and information," said Langdon. "Information that property owners can get nowhere else."

The book was written collaboratively by members of the Haliburton County master Gardeners.

"We have different skills and experiences," said Langdon. The group also copyrighted the book and got an ISBN number.

"It is an information product and we just want it available publicly," said Langdon.

"Many plants are not natural and pose a challenge in the Highlands."

The Haliburton County Master Gardeners are responsible for the self-guided tour called 'Stepping into Nature'. This self-guided multimedia tour along the Minden boardwalk explores local fauna and flora that call Minden home. Information about plants, insect information, gardening tips, and audio stories are included.

Now that the Minden Boardwalk has been repaired and restored, the Haliburton County master Gardeners hope to extend the self-guided tour. There is also talk about a self-guided tour in Wilberforce.

"We are contributing and benefiting the environment," said Langdon. "Natural plants improve water quality of our lakes and our wetlands. They are really important to the environment."

Langdon says that bloodroot, wild columbine, bellwort and bunchberry are highly recommended for gardens in Haliburton County.

The Guide to Ecological Landscaping in the Haliburton Highlands is available at the local libraries and can be purchased at Rail's End Gallery, County Rose Garden Centre, Grounded Gardens at the Lucas House, Abbey Gardens, Rising Thymes in Minden, and Pine Reflection Garden Centre. The guidebook costs $10 tax included.

Home & Cottage is where the heart is

Nancy Gosse from Brooksong Retreat & Cancer Support Centre, formerly Abbey Retreat Centre, stands with the not-for-profit organization's booth.

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Where: Lakeside Church, 9 Park St. Haliburton
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Youth Mental Health: Creating Places of Support

When: Tuesday, June 11 at 7 p.m.
Where: Schofield Room, Haliburton Legion, 719 Mountain St.
You are invited to a discussion with Mary Sisson, manager of the Youth Hub who will be speaking about the effect of social media, preceded by the chords and contralto of singer/songwriter Jodi Timgren. This is the fourth part of a series on "Making Our Communities Better Places." Open to all, no admission charge, light refreshments provided. Looking forward to seeing you there! Hosted by the Baha'is of Haliburton County.

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Aging Together (ATAC) Community Meeting

When: June 23, 1 to 3 p.m.
Where: Haliburton Legion, 719 Mountain St
Please join us to catch up on: 6 month updates/ action items and create a plan from community survey and where to go in the next 6 months? Reply to agingtogetherhc@gmail.com. Refreshments provided. Donations welcome.

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What does the fox say?

A fox kit catches your gaze. /Photo by Tammy Nash

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Play ball!

Hundreds of people came out for the first night of the Minden Minor Baseball League. Special thanks goes out to the dedicated volunteers and to Craig and Tammy Smith for their continued support. /THOMAS SMITH Staff

Liam and Lincoln get ready for their first night at Minden Minor Baseball League. /Submitted

Women's soccer league welcomes newcomers

VIVIAN COLLINGS
Editor

Kathy Judson started the Haliburton Grassroots Athletics soccer leagues three years ago, and the women's league has started up on Sundays at the Haliburton Highlands Secondary School field. /VIVIAN COLLINGS Staff

For the third year in a row, Haliburton Grassroots Athletics women's soccer league has offered a welcoming community to women spending the summer in the Highlands.

In 2021, Kathy Judson, a newer resident to Haliburton County, saw a gap in women's athletics in Haliburotn County.

"I've started women's leagues in Windsor and Paris, France. We had women from all over the world play in that one, and it really showed how important it is to bring women in a community together in organized sports," Judson said. "When I moved to Haliburton, I was surprised that there wasn't a specific women's league. It's important for communities to have soccer."

Judson said it's the perfect way for women of all ages to come together and connect, setting aside other worries and responsibilities to have fun on the field.

"Women really need it as a fun, competitive outlet and social sweat. Co-ed is great to play, but it really does have a different vibe and different pace. Our league is so much more about the community part of it, and not just the soccer itself," Judson said.

Women that play in the league come back year after year.

"My daughter has played in girls' leagues her whole life," said player Chaundra Vasseur. "This opportunity we have to share this sport together is invaluable. I would have never played in organized soccer if it weren't for this league. The community of women that we are welcomed into is like no other."

Another yearly player said playing on Sundays is the highlight of their week.

"I love the women's league. It has a different pace and feel than co-ed, and it is a high level of play, effort, and damn good fun," said Corina Hall Mansfield.

Along with the women's league, Judson also started a successful children's league.

Both play at the Haliburton Highlands Secondary School Field.

"The variety is very special. I only have a couple more years to wait until my daughters get to be out on the field with us, and I can't wait," Judson said.

To register for both the women's and children's leagues, visit the Dysart et al website or email kathy@sweat-bank.com.

"There's a lot of teaching and a lot of learning on the field between the different levels of players. We have people who have never played soccer before, and people who played at the college level. We also have so many different age groups out there. We encourage anyone and everyone interested to come out and play," Judson said.

Lilly Casey of Minden clears a hurdle in the Junior Girls 80m competition. /Photo by Kevin Hoare

Cheyenne Degeer navigates setting her blocks with one arm in a cast. Degeer ran to a seventh-place finish and personal best time in the Senior Girls 400m.

Red Hawk track and field update

Red Hawk Track and Field Athletes competed at OFSAA East Regionals in Belleville Thursday and Friday. Ben McMahon started off day one of competition as our first OFSAA qualifier in Junior Boys Discus. McMahon threw a Personal Best by nearly four meters with a distance of 43.56m to land him in second-place.

Graham Backus followed on the track with a fast 300m Hurdle race, running into third place and tying our Junior Boys school record set by Drew Paul in 2008 with a time of 41.66 seconds. Graham also ran to a fourth-place finish in the 100m Hurdles, bettering his time this week to surpass Paul's previous school record which Backus had also tied at the previous meet. Graham rounded out his individual events with another Personal Best in the Triple Jump, placing fifth. .

Novice Girl Addyson Parish leaped to a fourth-place finish in the Long Jump, also earning an OFSAA-qualifying spot. After briefly leaving the pits to run to an eighth-place finish in the 80m Sprint Hurdle final, she returned to Triple Jump and sealed her victory with a huge final jump and new Personal Best of 10.87m to bring home the gold and another OFSAA berth.

Jordanna Jennings was fifth in Junior Girls Long Jump, just missing qualifying by one spot, and stayed strong in a fierce competition in Junior Girls Triple Jump to place eighth.

Other top eight finishes from Evan Backus, sixth in Junior Boys 300m hurdles; Atticus Jorritsma, sixth in Novice Boys Discus; Hudson Horsley, sixth in Novice Boys Javelin and Cheyenne Degeer, who ran a two-second Personal Best in the Senior Girls 400m to place seventh.

There were many notable improvements and the meet fuelled 18 new individual Personal Bests for athletes across events, a testament to this team's continued strive for excellence. All of the 4x100 relay teams set a new best time, with the Junior Boys team of Evan and Graham Backus, Ben McMahon and Fynn Gooley finishing eighth in a very competitive race separated by only tenths of seconds for the top teams.

Submitted by Karen Gervais

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650 OBITUARIES

David Lawrence Campbell
1953 - 2024

David was predeceased by his parents Florence and Jerome. David leaves behind his brother Wayne (Karen) and nephews Braden (Monica), Luke (Amanda), Scott (Christina), and their children. David was a good artist in his early years and worked for himself for many years as a laborer in landscaping, logging, and as a delivery driver for Minden Home Hardware.

Private Funeral Arrangements

As David requested, there will be no visitation or funeral. As an expression of sympathy, donations to a charity of your choice would be appreciated by the family. Funeral arrangements have been entrusted to the **HALIBURTON COMMUNITY FUNERAL HOME** 13523 Hwy. #118, Haliburton, Ontario (705) 457-9209.

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650 OBITUARIES

In Loving Memory of
Pat Wilson

Passed away peacefully at the Hyland Crest, Minden on Wednesday, May 29, 2024 with her husband, sons and sister by her side, in her 75th year.

Loving wife and best friend of Jim for 31 years. Loving mother of Michael (Fran), Craig (Jessica), loving grandma of Todd, Sommer, Rebecca, Nicholas, Tyler and Ava. Dear sister of Sue Kelly (Michael-deceased) and aunt of Ryan (Moya). Fondly remembered by William Earle and by the extended Earle and Wilson Families.

Pat was a Graduate of the Royal Victoria Hospital in Montreal as a registered nurse that lead to a career at Brant County Public Health until retiring in 2004. The family would like to acknowledge the loving care and dignity provided to Pat by the nurses, psw's and staff during her two year stay at Hyland Crest.

Friends are invited to visit the family at the Gordon A. Monk Funeral Home Ltd., 127 Bobcaygeon Rd., P.O. Box 427, Minden K0M 2K0 on Tuesday, June 11, 2024 from 3:00 until 6:00 pm. A Memorial Mass to Celebrate Pat's Life will be held at the Our Lady of Fatima Catholic Church, 7 Bobcaygeon Rd., Minden on Wednesday, June 12, 2024 at 1:00 pm. Reception to follow in the Church Hall. Cremation has taken place and interment at the Brockville Cemetery will take place at a later date.

Memorial Donations to the Minden Food Bank or the Alzheimer's Society would be appreciated by the family.

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In Loving Memory of
Wilda Ann Shuyler (Billie)

Passed away at Hyland Crest Senior Citizens Home, Minden on Tuesday, May 21, 2024, at the age of 95.

Beloved wife of David Shuyler (deceased). Billie is predeceased by her three sisters and two brothers. Loving aunt to two nieces and five nephews.

Billie was a Registered Nurse and Graduate of Western University, London, Ontario. Billie enjoyed golfing and curling and was a fair bridge player. Billie was also a volunteer for the Minden Hospital Auxiliary for 15 years.

As per Billie's wishes, a graveside service will be held at Bethel Cemetery, 1162 Bethel Road, Minden, Ontario on Wednesday, June 12, 2024 at 11:00am. Reception to follow at the Highland Hills United Church (downstairs), 21 Newcastle St., Minden.

Memorial Donations to the Minden Health Care Auxiliary or to Snowflake Meadows Rescue (cheques only) would be appreciated by the family and can be arranged through the Gordon A. Monk Funeral Home Ltd., P.O. Box 427, Minden, Ontario K0M 2K0.

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Leonard "Len" Foster
VA3LGF

On October 29, 2023, at age 82, after a 7 year battle against Lewy Body Dementia, Len gently slipped away from this earthly life into a new eternal life where his brain is again whole and he is capable of feeling joy, love, and happiness. Devoted and loving husband of Susan Foster. Cherished father of Robin (Keith), Susan (Jim), Steven, and Keith (Kathy). Len will be greatly missed by his brother David. He is predeceased by his first wife Pearl, partner Mary, and brothers Brian and Alan.

Len was the first Fire Chief of Cardiff Fire Department and was the founder and past president of the Minden Amateur Radio Club.

Visitation & Memorial Mass

Friends and family are invited to call at **OUR LADY OF FATIMA ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH** 7 Bobcaygeon Road, Minden on Friday morning, June 14, 2024 for a Memorial Mass at 12 o'clock. (Visitation one hour prior). A reception will follow in the Church Hall. As an expression of sympathy, donations to The Alzheimer's Society would be appreciated by the family. Funeral arrangements have been entrusted to the **HALIBURTON COMMUNITY FUNERAL HOME** 13523 Hwy. #118, Haliburton, Ontario (705) 457-9209.

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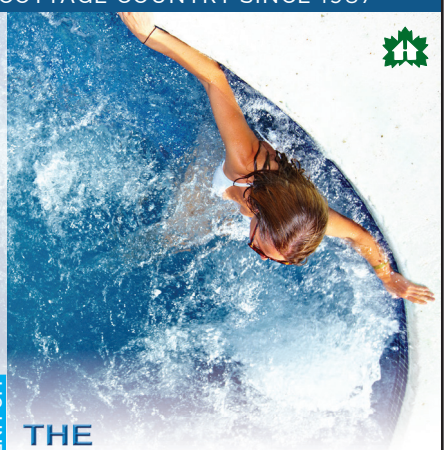

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Farmers' market proposed

by Jerry Grozelle

A proposal to allow the use of Minden's Village Green, on Main Street behind the CIBC, for a farmers' market on Saturdays during the summer, met with mixed reactions at the Minden Hills council meeting. Stuart Brandon of the Haliburton County Advisory Committee for Marketing and Economic Development asked for council's permission to use the Village Green as a site for local producers to sell their fruits and vegetables. A limited number of local craftspeople would also be allowed to sell the items they make as well.

Councillor Peter Oyler had some reservations at first. He asked Public Works Superintendent Clayton Cameron how much it cost to sod the

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READY TO RUN: The eagerness of the participants in the Tyke Girls 400 metre race shows as they listen for the starter's gun to sound during the Legion Track and Field Meet held Saturday in Haliburton. Elementary school children from throughout the county took part in the competitions. Complete results from the event will appear next in next week's edition.

First Trails information kiosk opens

A VIEW FROM ABOVE: The official opening of the Trails and Tours kiosk on Highway 35 at the Noble Motel was captured from the bucket of a Hydro One cherry picker. Bob and RoseThompson, who provided the location for the kiosk are seen in the centre of the group, cutting the ceremonial ribbon. Photo by Lori Roberts

by Jerry Grozelle

A grand opening ceremony for the Trails and Tours Network kiosks was held at the site in Lutterworth Township, next to the Noble Motel. Close to 50 people were on hand for the festivities Wednesday, May 25.

Rachel Gillooly, Co-ordinator of the Haliburton County Trails and Tours Network, acknowledged the assistance of the Haliburton Highlands Chamber of Commerce, its staff and directors, for their contributions in support of the Trails and Tours Network and its staff. "It's an excellent example of a day-to-day partnership," she said.

Gillooly read a message from Deputy Prime Minister Herb Gray. "Congratulations and warm wishes on the official opening of the new information kiosks. This truly is a step forward for Haliburton County in promoting Haliburton County's premier trails and tours network. The addition of the

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